



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20460

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OFFICE OF THE
EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT

Mr. Troy D. Nixon
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Dear Mr. Nixon:

Your October 14, 2015, Freedom of Information Act request, which seeks all communications between Lisa Jackson and Louis Lucas (Monsanto's Global Glyphosate and Acetochlor Supply Lead); between Gina McCarthy and Dean Hendrickson (Monsanto's former Global Supply Lead) and all records of Lisa Jackson and Gina McCarthy that reference "Ritter," "Trevor Smith" and/or "Aldis" from 2009 to the present time, was designated EPA-HQ-2016-000382 and assigned to the Office of the Administrator for response.

A search was conducted, and responsive records were found. Upon review, the EPA determined that portions of the records are exempt from mandatory disclosure pursuant to FOIA Exemption 5, which protects the deliberative process; FOIA Exemption 6, which protects information that, if released, would cause unwarranted invasion of privacy; and FOIA Exemption 7(F), which protects information that could endanger the life or physical safety of an individual. The records are being released to you with corresponding redactions.

If you have any concerns, you may appeal this final response with an email to hq.foia@epa.gov or by writing to the National Freedom of Information Act officer at:

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
William Jefferson Clinton Federal Building
Records, FOIA and Privacy Branch
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW (2822T)
Washington, D.C. 20460

Please note that only correspondence mailed through the U.S. Postal Service can be delivered to the address above. If you would like to deliver your appeal in person, via courier service or via an overnight delivery service, you must address your correspondence to 1301 Constitution Avenue, NW, Room 6416J, Washington, D.C. 20001.

Your written appeal must be received no later than 90 calendar days from the date of this letter and should include the request number listed above. The EPA will not consider appeals

received after the 90 calendar-day limit. In addition, appeals received after 5 p.m. Eastern time are considered as having been received the next business day. For the quickest possible handling, the subject line of your email or the appeal letter and its envelope should be marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal."

Additionally, you may seek dispute resolution services from the EPA's FOIA public liaison at hq.foia@epa.gov or (202) 566-1667 or from the National Archives and Records Administration's Office of Government Information Services. You may contact the Office of Government Information Services with an email to ogis@nara.gov; by calling toll free (877) 684-6448 or (301) 837-1996; with a fax to (301) 837-0348; or by mail to National Archives and Records Administration, Office of Government Information Services, 8610 Adelphi Road, Room 2510, College Park, Maryland 20740-6001.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brian T. Hope", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Brian T. Hope
Acting Director

Enclosures